WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Electricity dues to APSEB

4252. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY :

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hyderabad Unit of IDPL is having dues amounting to lakhs of rupees towards electricity consumption charges to APSEB;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the township of IDPL is till drawing power from APSEB even though the plant has not been in the operation for past 2 years, imposing heavy burden on the board; and

(d) if so, by when Government are going to clear the dues to APSEB ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The amount of electricity dues of APSEB/AP Transco upto February 2000 is about Rs. 34.00 crores.

(c) and (d) The township of IDPL at Hederabad is drawing power from APSEB since the employees are residing in the township. The dues to APSEB will be dealt with in accordance with the decision regarding the revival of IDPL by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), in respect of which, no time frame can be stipulated by the Government.

Poor progress of Assam Gas Cracker Project

4253. DR. (SMT.) JOYASREE GOSWAMI MAHANTA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether RIL is committed to implement the Assam Gas Cracker Project as their sister concern or as a separate corporate identity, without the banner of RIL; and

(b) what is the thinking of the Central Government on the very poor progress of implementation of the project ?